



**ROANOKE VALLEY  
SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS**

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**ADOPTION APPLICATION**

Thank you for considering an animal from the Roanoke Valley Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (the "RVSPCA") as a new addition to your family! Pet ownership is a serious commitment that the entire household needs to consider and agree on before an animal is adopted. We want to ensure that each household considering adoption is aware of, as well as willing and able to accept, the physical and financial responsibilities of pet ownership. Not everyone who desires to own a pet is ready to properly care for one. This questionnaire will assist both you and us in determining if your household is prepared to assume the role of a responsible caretaker for a rescued animal. Thank you for taking the time to complete this application. We look forward to working with you.

**Instructions**

Please complete Parts I, II and III to tell us about you, your family, and your current pets, and Part VI to tell us about how you heard about the RVSPCA and to acknowledge that you understand our adoption process. Please also complete Part IV if you are interested in adopting a dog and Part V if you are interested in adopting a cat. Once you have completed that application, please sign and date it, and return it to one of our adoption specialists.

**Part I**  
**My Information**

Name	
Address	
Home Phone	
Work Phone	
Cell Phone	
E-Mail	

Are you 18 years old or older?  Yes  No

Animal experience or other useful information about yourself: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Have you or anyone in your household ever been convicted of any animal related misdemeanor or felony offense?  Yes  No

Have your or anyone in your household ever surrendered an animal to, or had an animal seized by, an animal control officer?  Yes  No

**Part II**  
**About My Home and Family**

Number of Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Children \_\_\_\_\_ Ages of Children \_\_\_\_\_

Do children visit your home?  Yes  No If "Yes", what are their ages? \_\_\_\_\_

Is anyone in your household allergic to animals?  Yes, dogs & cats  Yes, dogs only  
 Yes, cats only  No If allergic, who and how severely? \_\_\_\_\_

Does everyone in your household know that you are considering adopting a pet?  Yes  No  
If so, has everyone in your household met the animal?  Yes  No

Is anyone in your household afraid of, nervous about, or unsure of animals?  Yes  No  
If yes, who and of what type of animal? \_\_\_\_\_

Who will be responsible for the care of the animal? \_\_\_\_\_

Type of residence:  Home  Townhouse  Duplex  Apartment  Mobile Home  Condo  
In the City ? Country ? Suburbs ?  
Do you Own ? Rent ? Live with parents ? Live with a roommate ?

If you rent or live with your parents, are you allowed to own pets?  Yes  No  
If so, what is the pet policy? \_\_\_\_\_

If you rent, when does your lease expire? \_\_\_\_\_

If you rent or live with your parents, please provide contact information: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a fenced yard (either by a physical fence or an invisible fence)?  Yes  No  
If "Yes", height, type, and area of the fence: \_\_\_\_\_

**Part III**  
**About My Current Pets**

What animals do you currently own? (Please use the back if more space is needed.)

Dog/Cat	Breed	Sex	Age	Spayed/ Neutered	Vaccinations Given	Heartworm FeLV/FIV Status	Indoors/ Outdoors	Length of Time Owned

Have you had other animals in the past?  Yes  No If "Yes", how many? \_\_\_\_ Dogs \_\_\_\_ Cats  
If yes, where are they now? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do you currently have a veterinarian?  Yes  No If "Yes", who? \_\_\_\_\_  
If "No", list the most recent veterinarian you have used \_\_\_\_\_

**Part IV**  
**Animal Information if You Are Adopting a Dog**

Have you completed the "Meet Your Match Survey"?  Yes  No

If "No", please complete the survey and attach it to this adoption application

Ideal adult size of dog:

small (5-25 lbs)  medium (25-50 lbs)  large (50-80 lbs)  extra large (80+ lbs)

Breed/Breed Type of dog you are looking for: \_\_\_\_\_

Ideal location where the dog will be living:  Indoors  Indoors and Outdoors  Outdoors only

Ideal location where the dog will sleep:

crate  kitchen  loose in house  garage  outside fenced  outside chained  other

Ideal location where the dog will be when alone:

crate  kitchen  loose in house  garage  outside fenced  outside chained  other

Please check all items necessary in the dog adopted:

<input type="checkbox"/> house trained	<input type="checkbox"/> already knows obedience	<input type="checkbox"/> can be left in the house alone
<input type="checkbox"/> doesn't pull on the leash	<input type="checkbox"/> can be walked off leash	<input type="checkbox"/> doesn't jump up
<input type="checkbox"/> rarely barks/ quiet	<input type="checkbox"/> doesn't dig	<input type="checkbox"/> doesn't shed much
<input type="checkbox"/> doesn't chew	<input type="checkbox"/> likes to fetch/play	<input type="checkbox"/> doesn't wander
<input type="checkbox"/> will run with me	<input type="checkbox"/> good with children	<input type="checkbox"/> good watch dog
<input type="checkbox"/> good with strangers	<input type="checkbox"/> good with dogs	<input type="checkbox"/> good with cats
<input type="checkbox"/> good with livestock	<input type="checkbox"/> other _____	

How do you plan on exercising your dog? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you planning on taking your dog to obedience training?  Yes  No

Are you planning on crate training your dog?  Yes  No

How will your dog be cared for during overnight absences and vacations? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you know that a dog can cost \$300 - \$500 per year for basic expenses?  Yes  No

Are you prepared to and able to handle these additional finances?  Yes  No

Under what circumstances would you consider giving up this dog?

<input type="checkbox"/> bites/aggressive	<input type="checkbox"/> difficult to houstrain	<input type="checkbox"/> requires too much exercise
<input type="checkbox"/> chews/destructive	<input type="checkbox"/> wanders/escapes	<input type="checkbox"/> medical expenses of animal
<input type="checkbox"/> moving	<input type="checkbox"/> aggressive with other pets	<input type="checkbox"/> digs
<input type="checkbox"/> sheds too much	<input type="checkbox"/> climbs on furniture	<input type="checkbox"/> divorce
<input type="checkbox"/> new baby	<input type="checkbox"/> personal illness	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

**Part V**  
**Animal Information if You Are Adopting a Cat**

Have you completed the "Meet Your Match Survey"?  Yes  No

If "No", please complete the survey and attach it to this adoption application

Ideal coat length of cat:  short  medium  long  no preference

Breed/Breed Type of cat you are looking for: \_\_\_\_\_

Ideal location where the cat will be living:  Indoors only  Indoors and Outdoors freely

Indoors, but outdoors only if I am with him/her  Outdoors only/ In a barn

Ideal location where the cat will be at night:

indoors  outdoors  loose in house  basement  garage/barn  other

Please check all items necessary in the cat adopted:

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|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> litter box trained        | <input type="checkbox"/> already declawed       | <input type="checkbox"/> very affectionate   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> quiet                     | <input type="checkbox"/> talkative              | <input type="checkbox"/> older and settled   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> doesn't shed much         | <input type="checkbox"/> doesn't scratch people | <input type="checkbox"/> likes to play       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> doesn't scratch furniture | <input type="checkbox"/> good with children     | <input type="checkbox"/> good with strangers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good with other cats      | <input type="checkbox"/> good with dogs         | <input type="checkbox"/> other _____         |

If this cat developed litter box problems, what would you do?

- check with veterinarian  return cat to shelter  put cat outside to live
- attempt to retrain. How? \_\_\_\_\_
- other \_\_\_\_\_

How will your cat be cared for during overnight absences and vacations? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you know that a cat can cost between \$200 - \$400 per year for basic expenses?  Yes  No

Are you prepared to and able to handle these additional finances?  Yes  No

Under what circumstances would you consider giving up this cat?

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|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> bites/aggressive    | <input type="checkbox"/> litter box problems        | <input type="checkbox"/> destructive to furniture/carpet |
| <input type="checkbox"/> too active at night | <input type="checkbox"/> wanders/escapes            | <input type="checkbox"/> medical expenses of animal      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> moving              | <input type="checkbox"/> aggressive with other pets | <input type="checkbox"/> sheds too much                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> divorce             | <input type="checkbox"/> new baby                   | <input type="checkbox"/> personal illness                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> other: _____        |                                                     |                                                          |

**Part VI**  
**Further Information**

How did you hear about the RVSPCA ?

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|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Radio        | <input type="checkbox"/> RVSPCA website        | <input type="checkbox"/> Petfinder website    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Television   | <input type="checkbox"/> RVSPCA newsletter     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wal-Mart Photo Board |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Walk-In      | <input type="checkbox"/> A friend (Who? _____) |                                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |                                                |                                               |

Please provide two personal references:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you object to an RVSPCA representative visiting your home prior to the adoption?  Yes  No

Do you understand the RVSPCA's return and refund policies?  Yes  No

Do you understand that if you return an animal to the RVSPCA there is waiting period of [30] days before you can adopt another animal from the RVSPCA?  Yes  No

As part of your adoption of an animal from the RVSPCA, are you interested in making a donation to help us care for the animals located at our facility?  Yes  No

If "Yes", what amount? \_\_\_\_\_

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The information provided in this adoption application to the RVSPCA is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. If at any time this information changes prior to the completion of the adoption of an animal, I will provide an updated application to the RVSPCA.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Adoption Applicant

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Staff Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Landlord Contacted: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Veterinarian Contacted: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Reference #1 Contacted: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Reference #2 Contacted: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Approved  Denied

If "Denied", indicate the reason: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Contract Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Animal Number: \_\_\_\_\_